

Griffithen Will Play Two Games a Day During the Week at Training Camp

TWO GAMES EVERY DAY UNTIL TEAM GETS OFF FOR HOME, SAYS GRIFF

Regulars Will Battle With Strongest Outfit in Order to Prepare for Championship Campaign—Players Are Stiff From First Real Workout of Season in Yesterday's Practice.

By THOMAS KIRBY.

UNIVERSITY, Va., March 16.—Starting today, the Nationals are to play two ball games each day until they leave here one week from tomorrow, when they will take up the regular schedule of exhibition contests on the Georgia avenue grounds.

Because of examinations in the university it was impossible to arrange a meeting with Virginia today, but tomorrow Griffith will play the collegians, and as often thereafter as dates can be fixed he will have his men face the squad coached by Jack Ryan.

All of these engagements are, of course, dependent upon the weather that prevails here, but the head of the Nationals expects to accomplish more between now and next Saturday than has been gained during the three weeks that have elapsed since the vanguard reached this place.

Climbers Will Clash With Most Formidable Outfit.

The plan is to have the regulars clash with the best outfit it is possible to corral from the recruits. By this arrangement the men who are to bear the brunt in the championship campaign will not be afforded the best practice possible, but at the same time the chief will be able to form an estimate of the caliber of the newcomers by seeing them in live competition.

Today some of the players are somewhat stiff in the muscles and joints; still the unanimous opinion at the House of Griffith is that more benefit was derived from the two hours and ten minutes that were spent on Lambeth field than in all the other practice periods combined.

Better weather for spring practice could hardly be imagined. There was no wind whatever and the sun was sufficiently warm, without being oppressive, to enable the athletes to enter into their work with all the dash and life that usually characterized a warmer team in June.

About 1,000 students and town folks gathered in the cement stands and so interesting was the practice that few left before quits were finally called by Griffith. Several times the snappy work drew forth applause. It was the first time since the Nationals were chosen as a training camp that the Griffiths have not rested on the first day of the week. But the balmy weather and the realization that the men were in dire need of outdoor work caused Griffith to crash precedent.

Three years ago the Montreal club, being conditioned in this place, but was stopped, as some parties thought that it was a violation of the rules of the league. Yesterday, however, the Nationals were not interfered with in any way, although any player was cautioned before leaving the grounds that the weather was to be quiet. This is the only exception Griffith has ever made to his order that everybody to talk it up three times while in uniform.

For more than an hour and a half the regulars were given batting practice, seven pitchers being used to serve them up.

It was the second time since arriving that the men had real practice, but the work yesterday was so good that Griffith was not inclined to let them have any more until the further occasion, as yesterday it was warm enough to make the work pleasant.

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Griffith thought that the excellent conditions would prove too great a temptation to Joe Engel to quit, so the native Washingtonian was not sent to the box. Chasing flies constituted Engel's work, and as a result of the comparative rest, he was feeling great today, and said he was ready to twist as soon as the boys said the word.

Parental objection to Sunday baseball kept Harry Harper from putting on a "tune." Harry has a clause in his contract that excuses him from all baseball on Sunday, so he mingled with the crowd and watched the practice from afar.

Paul Mosser is still under the care of Dr. Martin, who tonight the cause of the layoff. Last night a supper was the first meal that Mosser had with the other athletes in more than twenty-four hours. His throat is still quite sore, but he thinks all danger of a real setback has passed.

"Cubs" Acosta was on the field wrapped up in a heavy sweater. A long conversation in Spanish was all the exercise the Cuban had as the trainer

D'You Think Danny Is Going to Land in Them?



CONNIE MACK HOPES FOR STRONG OUTFIT

Doesn't Count on Coombs, But His Youngsters Show Great Promise on Mound.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 16.—The world's champions are going to open their 1914 campaign in perfect physical condition, and with better prospects of ultimate victory than they have enjoyed for years.

On Saturday Ed Foster and George McBride started the mound work. The latter, who was hit by a ball yesterday, was kept in the box yesterday longer than any of the other men. Collier, who was hit by a ball yesterday, was kept in the box yesterday longer than any of the other men.

Jack Ryan takes a particular delight in seeing Ray Morgan pitch. Whenever the veteran is batting to the infield he sees to it that every ball he hits in the general direction of second base will make "Cubs" go to the fence to catch the ball. Morgan is another pitcher of promise. Connie has picked up a smooth-working, young receiver in M-A-V-O-Y. This lad resembles Connie when the latter was in his prime as a big league ball player. He sports a powerful left arm and looks like a hitter. He has an excellent chance of remaining with the team.

Howard Shanks is to Nick Altrock what Ray Morgan is to Jack Ryan. Altrock has been hit by a ball yesterday, but he was not hurt. He was hit by a ball yesterday, but he was not hurt. He was hit by a ball yesterday, but he was not hurt.

One thing that should help Dan Moeller in his work during the coming season is a feeling that the arm which gave him so much trouble in 1913 is now entirely sound. It will be recalled that in 1913 the slightest jar would throw Moeller's shoulder out and then he would be sent to a surgeon for several days. Last summer Ray told him that he might be a resource of the trouble, but the right pitcher from during his best work has been to the right of the ball.

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MINCE PIE.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING. By "Bugs" Baer.

New York high schools are going to cut out the shooting championships. Seems that there has been too much professional competition up there lately. No chance for an amateur at all.

Spring is here—POOR UMPIRING. COST YANKS GAME WITH GALVES. TON. But this next one sounds like summer—UMPIRE SWATTED ON THE DOME WITH BOTTLE.

RABID RUDOLPH SAYS— "One more blizzard, and the boys will be in midwinter form."

St. Louis Browns are now playing in midseason baseball. Yea, and this season they will be playing training camp baseball.

The Federal League claims to have a backlog of \$50,000,000. Still, in spite of this great wealth, you will not see them refusing any of the fan's two bit pieces.

The time to be in midseason form is in midseason. Being in midseason form in January doesn't win games in August.

Everything is blooming in the South now, including the baseball buds, but the buds never become real bloomers until they hit the North.

The Yankees have only three more weeks in which to claim the pennant. Then the season opens.

J. Franklin Baker didn't get a hit off Jim Vaughn in nine innings, but then the fact that J. Franklin Baker wasn't playing may have had something to do with it.

Branch Rickey has purchased cigars for his players. Trying to bribe 'em, eh?

The globe touring players who covered 24,000 miles this winter will find the 90 feet between home and first a much more difficult voyage.

WAY DOWN SOUTH IN THE LAND OF COTTON, PHENOMS BLOOM BUT ARE SOON FORGOTTEN.

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Walter Camp says that a true sportsman is like a cat. He refuses to let his mouse unless he catches it alive. Walter forgets that with the present fabulous salaries, a ball player is not compelled to live on a diet like that.

GRIFFITH WILL RETAIN TEN PITCHERS IN CORPS

Four Hurlers Will Be Dropped Before Start of Season, But Manager Declares They Will Be Farmed and Not Sold Out—right—More Work Needed Before Judging.

By THOMAS KIRBY.

UNIVERSITY, Va., March 16.—Clark Griffith plans to carry ten pitchers during the coming campaign.

There are now here fourteen twirlers, and one of the biggest problems before the manager is as to which four shall be dropped during the next month. Walter Johnson and Joe Boehling are, of course, assured of their places, as they are to be retained to be used in the rebuilding.

Griffith insists he himself does not know and will not reach a decision until after the completion of the exhibition schedule. Today, however, he said that he has decided that ten will be the number he will keep.

No matter where any of the pitchers will be sent their connection with the Washington club will not be severed. They will be farmed, but not sold outright, the conditions of the transfers being that they are to be returned to the Nationals whenever they have been sufficiently refined as to justify trials in championship contests in baseball's upper stratum.

This is demonstrated by the interest Griffith is taking in each individual. No matter how promising or weak any of the pitchers appear it makes no difference as to coaching. Each man receives his meed of attention from the competent corps of instructors headed by the leader of the Griffiths.

Griffith has undoubtedly formed an opinion, but he and his cabinet of coaches insist the squad must have more work before a final opinion can be properly formed.



DOOLIN IS PLEASED WITH HIS INFELD

Says Knabe and Doolan Will Not Be Missed, But Brennan Can't Be Replaced.

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 16.—While it is admitted that the Federal League has struck the Phillies one mighty blow, cheerful Charlie Doolin fails to grow discouraged. Indeed, he says that he will have a stronger infield than he had last year, though he declines to make many prophecies about his twirling corps.

"Without disparaging Knabe and Doolan the slightest," says Doolin, "I think I'll have better men in their places this year. Pat Murphy looks like the best young shortstop in the world, and I sometimes think Doolan would have lost out against him, had the genial doctor showed up again. Murphy is going to be another Moranville. He isn't a hard hitter, but neither was Mike."

Knabe's place will be filled by Bobby Byrne, who is one of the best runners in the game today. Byrne can cover as much, if not more, ground than Knabe did last year. I'm not worrying about my infield.

When it comes to pitchers, though, I'll admit the loss of Sexton and Brennan hurts. Then, Eppa Rixey won't be with us till June. We'll be lucky if we get an even break till he shows up. Alexander will have to carry the heaviest load for us, but he's a horse for work. Erskine Mayer is right to take up Sexton's task, but there is no one in sight to replace Brennan."

After the first week of bad weather the Phillies have got in much valuable practice. It is doubtful, however, that they will return here another spring. Doolin wants to take his team further South.

Blank Waco Club.

WACO, Tex., March 16.—Tereau and Ratter out home against Waco yesterday, allowing two hits and fanning ten between them, and earning a 10-0 score. Thorpe walloped out two hits in three trips.

Dodgers Are Resting.

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 16.—Wilbert Robinson's complete rest for the Dodgers yesterday, with the result that many of the players took to golf all day.

Yanks Just Win.

HOLSTON, Tex., March 16.—Light hitting marked the Houston-New York Yankees' game yesterday, which was won by the Champsmen at 2 to 1.

Heinie Wagner III.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 16.—Heinie Wagner is indisposed and Harold Janney is holding down short in the absence of the veteran. Wagner may be forced out until hot weather.

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MACKMEN SHOULD MAKE FLYING GETAWAY FROM OTHER TEAMS IN RACE

World's Champions Enjoying Perfect Weather at Jacksonville and the Much-Needed Young Pitchers Are on Hand. Other Contenders Suffering From Many Ills.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Unless all signs fail, Connie Mack and his merry band are going to make one grand rush into a comfortable lead at the very start of the coming campaign in Ban Johnson's little old league. Already the Mackmen are reported in perfect condition, which cannot be said of any other team in this circuit. As it is generally granted that the long, lean leader possesses the greatest team in captivity, where are the rest of his going to get off?

Clark Griffith and his Climbers, sensations for the last two years; Bill Carrigan and his doughty Red Sox, winners in 1912; Joe Birmingham and his Naps, contenders till the closing days last season, and Jimmy Callahan and his White Sox, doped out to be there from the start this year, are all bumping into trouble; that may make the race a runaway for the Mackmen.

Lack of practice may be fatal to the Climbers' chances. Joe Wood's injury is certain to bother the Red Sox. The desertion of Fred Falkenberg and the injury to Ray Chapman may ruin the Naps, who need a good getaway in order to show their caliber. The White Sox are showing very poor form against the Pacific Coast league teams, and the prediction is made that the Windy City troupe will be a bloomer.

CONNIE'S PITCHERS LOOK LIKE WINNERS.

If the Mackmen can be strengthened anywhere, you will agree, it is in the box. The machine that has slaughtered the Cubs and the Giants at every opportunity is as good now as ever. And Connie seems to have found the pitchers.

Of course, Chief Bender will be on the job with oldtime skill. So will Eddie Plank. Both are progressing rapidly under the Florida sun. Then there are Shawkey, Bush, Brown, Wyckoff, Bressler, and Boardman, all of whom look good. In every practice game so far these youngsters have delivered.

If the Mackmen find their needed pitchers, what team will have a chance with them this spring? Griffith has veterans and Walter Johnson. So far they haven't had a week's training on the diamond. They'll have to get their practice in three weeks of exhibition games here, and all Washingtonians know how rainy it is likely to be here through the exhibition season.

The Federal League has dealt its hardest blow against the National League, but another war has been handed the American League. The surest way to kill the interest in the race is to make it one-sided. Cleveland and Washington have been the admitted contenders. Falkenberg put the Naps in the race last spring. He won't be on hand this year. The injury to Chapman also works great harm to the Naps.

Sir Robert Gordon may not have been popular with the fans here, but he would come in mighty handy this year to bolster up the big squad of rookies old Fox Griffith will bring back with him from the mud of Charlottesville. For, you know, Bob is a real pitcher. He may be temperamental and a bit nervous, but when he is right few clubs in any league can touch him. The defection of Alexander, who is the element weather at Charlottesville put an awful cramp in the hopes of Capital City fans.

The Federal League failed to bother the Red Sox much, but the illness of Joe Wood may put that team back two months in its effectiveness. Wood is absolutely necessary to the success of the Hub outfit. With him cut of the line, the Boston team is hardly likely to bother the Mackmen.

Judging from their exhibitions so far, the White Sox are not much. Ed Walsh may be missing this season, too, and that's almost the good thing, and that's almost the good thing, and that's almost the good thing.

Looked at from almost any angle, the Mackmen should romp away with the 1914 title. That wonderful balance that has been triumphant so often will be just as powerful as ever. It will be, furthermore, augmented by some very class young twirlers. Just the thing in the hot weather. Jacksonville has been good to the Mackmen, and they have it used to since arriving there. They should open the season with a bang.

The indications are that the spring meeting will be the best ever held here. The purses will be more liberal than they have ever been. There will be no purse less than \$20. Instead of having stakes the manager of the club has decided to make all the purses worth while, so that the owner with a few horses will have an equal chance with the wealthy owner without having to pay big entrance fees.

The officials who will preside at the Jamestown meeting next month are: Mars Cassidy, starter; Frank J. Bryan and Joseph Murphy, stewards; Ed Cole and F. W. Gerhardt, judges; Joseph McLenahan, secretary; J. H. Conklin, clerk of the scales, and Harry White, paddock judge.

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